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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION

1. NATO IS NOW CONSIDERING TWO DIFFERENT DRAFTS FOR FINAL
APPROVAL OF DECLARATION/COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED AT
CONCLUSION OF NATO SUMMIT--A TEXT PREPARED BY NATO
INTERNATIONAL STAFF WHICH IS BASED LARGELY ON U.S. INPUT
AND AN ALTERNATIVE VERSION SUBMITTED BY BELGIANS WHICH
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HAS STRONG FRENCH SUPPORT. DEPARTMENT IS REPEATING TWO
TEXTS AND OTHER RELEVANT MESSAGES TO CAPITALS BY
IMMEDIATE CABLE.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD URGENTLY APPROACH FOREIGN OFFICES AT HIGH LEVEL AND NOTE FIRM U.S. SUPPORT FOR I.S. VERSION OF NATO DECLARATION WHILE REQUESTING THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS INSTRUCT PERMREPS IN NATO TO ACCEPT I.S. TEXT AND OPPOSE BELGIAN DRAFT.

3. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING:

-- U.S. ATTACHES FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO NATO SUMMIT AND TO BROADER IMPACT IT WILL INEVITABLY HAVE ON WESTERN PUBLIC OPINION. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SUBSTANCE AND TONE OF SUMMIT'S FINAL DOCUMENT IS CRUCIAL AND WILL BE OF

CONTINUING SIGNIFICANCE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

-- U.S. IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO DRAFT BELGIAN TEXT WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED FOR ALLIED CONSIDERATION. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS FAR TOO VAGUE, ALMOST TOTALLY LACKING IN SUBSTANCE, AND WILL NOT HAVE THE NEEDED PUBLIC IMPACT OF STRONG REAFFIRMATION OF COMMON ALLIED PURPOSE.

-- U.S. THEREFORE CANNOT ACCEPT BELGIAN DRAFT, WILL OPPOSE IT IN THE NAC AND SUPPORT I.S. DRAFT DECLARATION WHICH, BY CONTRAST, HAS PUNCH, FOCUS AND STYLE.

-- I.S. DRAFT IN OUR VIEW IS A FORTHRIGHT AND UNFLINCHING APPRAISAL OF OUR ASSETS AND OUR PROBLEMS, REFLECTING BOTH THE MOOD WHICH WE HOPE WILL PREVAIL AT THE SUMMIT MEETING AND SERVING AS A REMINDER THAT ALLIED HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE COME TOGETHER FOR A SERIOUS PURPOSE.

-- WE STRONGLY HOPE THAT ALLIES WILL SHARE OUR VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE, GIVEN FACT THAT THEIR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASSOCIATING THEMSELVES DIRECTLY WITH SUMMIT'S FINAL DECLARATION/COMMUNIQUE.

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-- ACCORDINGLY, WE HOPE INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE GIVEN PROMPTLY TO PERMREPS IN NATO TO SUPPORT I.S. DRAFT DECLARATION. KISSINGER

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